

**Amendment to the Abstract:**

The Abstract has been amended. A revised Abstract is attached.

The invention relates to a tenderising machine which is designed to tenderise deboned meat pieces. The inventive machine is equipped with two stacked tenderising assemblies (~~A, B~~), each of ~~said the~~ assemblies comprising an integrated pair of rotating rollers (~~11a-12a, 11b-12b~~) which are provided with cutting members (~~13~~) that extend out from the periphery thereof and which are disposed close to one another, such as to define an adjustable-size opening (~~15~~). In addition, at least one of the rollers (~~12a, 12b~~) of each assembly (~~A, B~~) is supported such that it can move away from the other roller (~~11a, 11b~~) against ~~opposing means~~ an opposer as the meat pieces move between said two rollers. Moreover, each of the tenderising assemblies (~~A, B~~) is equipped with respective ~~means~~ controls for adjusting the distance between the cutting members (~~13~~) of each pair of rollers (~~11a-12a, 11b-12b~~) and for selectively blocking the movement of at least one (~~12a, 12b~~) of the moving rollers of each of the assemblies (~~A, B~~).